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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In the Application of</b>	)	
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<b>Applicants: Wai-Kwong (Sam) Lee et al.</b>	)	
	)	<b>Examiner</b>
<b>Serial No. 09/583,245</b>	)	<b>Paul Nguyen-Ba</b>
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<b>Filed: May 31, 2000</b>	)	<b>Art Unit 2176</b>
	)	
<b>Title: Dynamic XML Processing System</b>	)	

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE**

**Status of this application**

Claims 1-4, 6 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krupa, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0156811 (hereinafter "Krupa") in view of "DBIx::DBStag - Relational Database to Hierarchical Mapping" available at <http://cpan.uvinnipeg.ca/htdocs/DBIx-DBStag/DBIx/DBStag.html> (hereinafter "DBIx::DBStag").

Claims 5, 7, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krupa in view of DBIx::DBStag further view of Lee et al. ("Lee"), U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0169788.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krupa in view of DBIx::DBStag and further view of Harless, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0005410.

**The obviousness rejections based on the DBIx::DBStag reference**

In rejecting all of the pending claims, the Examiner has suggested that it would have been obvious employ the DBIx::DBStag teaching to modify the system described by Krupa that so that the Krupa system would store an "XML skeleton" document as claimed in order to